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# String Ensemble impresses Hope

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Last Thursday, March 29, the Ursinus College string ensemble performed in front of a sizeable crowd in Bomberger chapel.

The ensemble, which consists of students from all class years playing instruments such as the violin and bass, played a number of pieces under conductor Dr. Garrett Hope, in his second semester at Ursinus.

The concert began with Hope announcing the addition of the music major to Ursinus' curriculum starting next semester.

His announcement was met with enthusiasm from the audience and his performers alike, as students could previously only minor in the subject.

After the announcement, Hope led his students in the performance of several selections of classical music.

The entire show lasted about an hour, but significantly more time went into preparing for it.

"The ensemble rehearses

on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30. There was between 20 and 30 hours of rehearsal time going into Thursday nights' performance," Hope said.

Beyond scheduled rehearsal times, Hope noted the will of his students to hone their craft on their own time, and highlighted it as one of the reasons Thursday's performance was a successful one.

"Several of the students also practice on their own time to better learn their parts, as well as improve as performers. I have no way of knowing what that time commitment was, but if each person in the ensemble practiced two hours a week, that would be over 400 hours of preparation for one concert," Hope said.

The feeling of praise is mutual between Hope and his students, many of whom credit their new conductor as a major reason for their own improvement.



Courtesy of Heidi Jensen  
Dr. Garrett Hope conducts his students during the string ensemble's performance last Thursday evening. Among the conductor and his students' favorite pieces was "The Idylls of Pegasus", the third song performed on the night.

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# Career Services hosts webinar

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On Wednesday, March 28, the Career Services Office hosted a webinar titled "Social Networking for Success", intended to show students how they can use social networking to enhance their job and internship searches.

This particular webinar is one of many webinars within a series produced by an organization called Talentmarks, explains Carla Rinde, Director of Career Services.

According to Talentmarks, "statistics show 89% of U.S. companies are using social net-

works for recruiting."

This impressive statistic demonstrates to students that their Facebook, Twitter, and Google+ accounts can be used for much more than socializing with friends and sharing pictures from the weekend.

This series of webinars is facilitated by different authors of some of the best career books.

Miriam Salpeter, author of the book *Social Networking for Career Success*, facilitated the webinar.

Generally, a PowerPoint presentation is prepared prior to the start of the webinar, at which time it is projected to webinar partici-

pants.

The information contained is typically structured around the key points of the presenter's most successful book.

The "Social Networking for Success" webinar was intended to teach students about the tools employers are using when hiring candidates, strategies that boost your credentials, how to build professional relationships through social networking, and tools and tips to aid you in your job search.

Although freshmen and sophomores may not be thinking about jobs or internships yet, they are encouraged to participate

in events like this webinar series just as much as juniors and seniors are.

"Seniors do not simply jump into a great job or accidentally fall into one. It takes dedicated time during the college years to learn about careers, jobs, and organizations and build on professional skills. Students who participate and engage in early career activity are better prepared for what lies ahead," Rinde said.

For students who may have missed this webinar, Rinde offers some thoughtful advice.

Social networking sites, especially Facebook and Twitter, are swamped with users in their late

teens and early twenties.

Rinde explains that although there is still no guarantee, it is a good idea for students to be aware of their privacy settings and to make necessary changes so that only friends have access to your information, in addition to making sure that you have an appropriate profile image.

All of these precautions are necessary, as Rinde points out that nearly 69% of recruiters have rejected a candidate based on content found on their social networking profiles.

"That is scary. If you are posting content or photos that you

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# International News: Gas leak in Scotland, Istanbul hosts "Friends of Syria" conference

## Natural gas leak in Aberdeen

Wednesday, March 28  
**ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND** -

Explosive natural gas is pouring from a leak from a platform in the North Sea less than 300 feet from a flare that workers were forced to leave burning as they fled the rig.

The platform is owned by French energy company Total.

Total's share price has dropped 7 percent in the last two days, although analysts say that the leak does not appear to be as serious as BP's Deepwater Horizon spill in 2010.

A spokesman for Total said that workers were forced to evacuate the Elgin platform so quickly that there had been no time to put out the flare, which normally burns to regulate gas pressure.

A safety manager at total said that the priority had been the safety of the 238 staff of the platform, which is 150 miles east of Scotland's east coast.

Total is looking into both ex-

tinguishing the flare and plugging the leak. It is unclear how the leak began.

*(The Calgary Herald)*

## Istanbul holds talks on Syria

Sunday, April 1  
**ISTANBUL** -

The United States and dozens of other countries attended the "Friends of Syria" conference in Istanbul on Sunday.

The U.S. agreed to send communications equipment to help the rebel forces, and Arab nations have pledged \$100 million to pay opposition fighters.

The moves reflect a growing consensus that mediation efforts by United Nations peace envoy Kofi Annan were failing to stop the violence in Syria that is heading into its second year.

Syria's international supporters, including Russia and China, are blocking United Nations measures that could open the way for military action, so countries against President Bashar al-



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**International News**

Assad are aiding Syria's opposition through means that some say are stretching the definition of humanitarian assistance and blurring the line between "lethal" and "non-lethal" support.

*(New York Times)*

## Results expected soon in Myanmar elections

Monday, April 2  
**YANGON, MYANMAR** -

Myanmar opposition leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi announced Monday that her party had won at least 43 out of 44 open par-

liamentary seats in elections this weekend.

It was unclear whether the party, the National League for Democracy, had won the 44th seat, but official results of the election are expected this week.

Suu Kyi won a seat herself in a constituency south of the formal capital city of Yangon.

Although the election's results will not change control of parliament, the vote marks an important step forward for Myanmar, which has lived under military rule for 50 years.

Suu Kyi led the NLD to a landslide victor the last time Myanmar held multiparty elections in 1990, but the government ignored the results and placed her under house arrest before she was released in November 2010.

The government promised that Sunday's vote would be free and fair, and allowed international observers to monitor the polling.

*(CNN.com)*

## Britain authorizes digital surveillance

## digital surveillance

Monday, April 2  
**LONDON** -

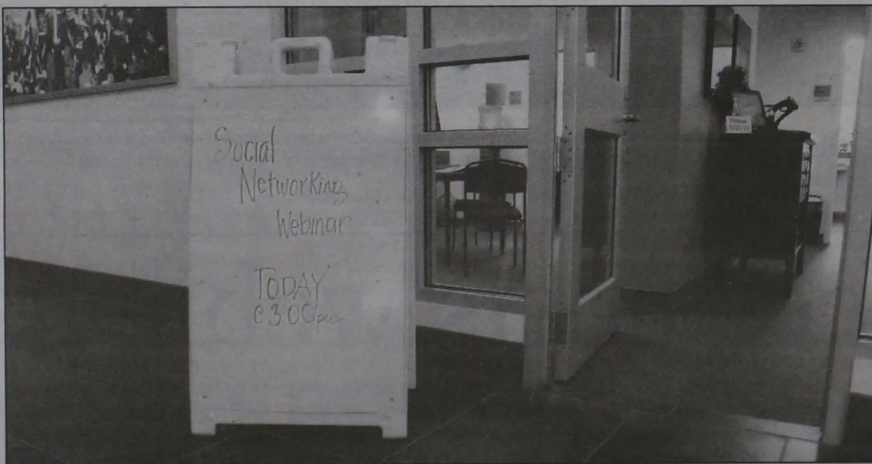
Britain is to allow one of its intelligence agencies to monitor all phone calls, texts, emails, and online activities in the country to help fight crime and militant attacks, the Interior Ministry said on Sunday.

The proposed law has drawn strong criticism as an invasion of privacy and personal rights.

Currently, British agencies can monitor calls and emails of specific individuals who are under investigation after obtaining approval, but the new law would expand that to all citizens.

The law would not allow the Government Communications Headquarters access to the content of emails, calls, or messages without a warrant, but it would allow the GCHQ to trace who an individual was in contact with, how frequently they communicated, and for how long.

*(Reuters)*



Courtesy of Heidi Jensen

A sign outside the Career Services office in Bomberger directed students to Wednesday's Webinar.

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would not want your own grandmother to see - then potential employers might not be all that thrilled with the content, either," Rinde said.

LinkedIn, a professional networking website, is also becoming more popular than ever. Many employers use this site in order to post jobs and search for

potential candidates to fill their openings.

"A strong LinkedIn profile requires completion of all the different sections," Rinde said.

This should be viewed as important information to students, as employers are using this site more and more frequently in the recruiting process to not only evaluate candidates, but to also examine whether or not they

would be a good fit for the company.

If you were unable to participate in this webinar, Career Services will continue to host more webinars similar to this one in the future. Keep an eye out for emails from Career Services for more information about upcoming programs.

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# “Ball at the Bellevue” a success, continues to draw large number of student participants

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On the evening of Friday, March 31, over 400 students dressed in fancy attire and boarded school buses headed to the annual Ball at the Bellevue.

As soon as the buses unloaded in front of the iconic Hyatt at the Bellevue on 200 South Broad Street, girls dressed in all types of gowns and guys donning suits flooded the dance floor and posed for numerous pictures.

Ball at the Bellevue is sponsored by the Leadership Development and Student Activities Offices, and has been a popular event in recent years among the student body.

Kelli Bodrato, Assistant Director of Leadership Development and Student Activities, said in an email that tickets for the Ball were sold out by March 13.

To pull off an event of this scale, the Leadership Development and Student Activities' staff have to put a lot of work into the planning of the Ball.

“Todd [Associate Dean of Students and Director of Leadership Development and Student Ac-

tivities] and I work with an event planner for the Hyatt to schedule the event, review the menu, [and] plan for the room layout. The Student Activities student staff helps us to advertise the event to the UC community via email, posters and ticket sales,” Bodrato said.

Furthermore, Bodrato said that the Hyatt at the Bellevue enjoys hosting the Ball for Ursinus students.

Bodrato said that they have told her “on more than one occasion how much their staff enjoys working this event. I think this is because our students are respectful and genuinely there to have a good time without incident.”

The DJ from Toner Sound Entertainment hired to host the event played a variety of music during the event.

While most of the songs were fast paced like Cupid’s “The Cupid Shuffle” and Rihanna’s “We Found Love,” the DJ also played a few slow numbers including Adele’s “Someone Like You” and Maroon 5’s “She Will Be Loved.”

Throughout the night, hotel staff walked around the room with trays of hors d’oeuvres.

There were also two tables

of food, which included deli meat, bread, and various types of cheese.

For students over 21 years of age, there was an open cash bar.

“I think the ball this year had better food than previous years,” said senior Audra Lins, who has attended the Ball during each of her four years at Ursinus.

Many students especially liked the venue and being able to go into the city.

“I thought that the Ball was great. It was nice to get off of campus and get dressed up,” said senior Kevin Tallon.

His one critique of the event was that he wished the DJ played songs that were better to dance to.

Although most students had positive things to say about the Ball at the Bellevue, there was one common complaint that several students expressed throughout the night.

Some students felt that the event, which was from 8 p.m. to midnight, was a little too lengthy.

“It was a lot of fun, but it was kind of long and I wished there was an earlier bus,” junior Jo Warren said.



Courtesy of Jimena Talavera

Students Jimena Talavera and Jessica Tyrrell enjoy a laugh at the Hyatt on 200 South Broad Street.

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“My experience with Dr. Hope has been phenomenal and inspiring,” said senior violinist Togh Matharu, who played in the ensemble Thursday evening under Hope’s guidance. “He is honestly one of the best conductors I’ve played with and probably the rea-

son why I spent many weeks trying to refine my playing.”

Sophomore Dave Nolan, another violinist who performed with the ensemble last Thursday, added “Dr. Hope has been an incredible addition to the music department and a crucial reason that we now have a Music major at Ursinus College.”

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Courtesy of Heidi Jensen

Myrin’s 8th Annual Edible Books Festival took place on Thursday, March 29 at noon.

# Sue Thomas retires from Admissions staff

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When a prospective high school or transfer student goes on the college search, first impressions usually go a long way.

According to many students at Ursinus, Sue Thomas was the first impression that bred enthusiasm and a love for the institution she hoped prospective students would choose.

After nearly 23 years working at the school she loves so dearly, the longtime member of the Admissions staff is retiring from her post now that the moment is right.

"It sounds silly, but because we can. We saved conservatively, and just felt like the time was right and were able to do it," said Thomas, the wife of Brian Thomas, the longtime baseball coach at Ursinus who is also

retiring at the conclusion of the baseball season.

Now, with the reality of retirement at the forefront, Thomas, 62, sees herself missing the students of Ursinus because of the "special" qualities they possess.

These qualities have been exhibited throughout her tenure at Ursinus, she says.

"The kids have not changed. The core lays with kids who are genuine, who are excited about learning, and who have a very strong sense of community, that has never changed and I hope it never will. I am going to miss the young people. That is why I am an educator, I love the young people," Thomas said.

Thomas, a native of Green Lane, Pa. and commonly referred to as "Mrs. T," leaves Ursinus as an institution that has taken drastic steps in the right direction throughout her tenure, with no



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sight of stopping in the near future.

She believes the foundation has been set for an even more successful and prosperous era.

"The changes I have seen on campus have been of such fantastic growths. When I came to Ursinus, we only had 1,200

students in total. Now we have things like the music major, theatre, and dance, which were dreams of ours way back when. Academically I am most excited about CIE, summer fellows, seeing kids study abroad and do internships," Thomas said.

What Thomas hopes for the school, and for the Admissions department's sake, is for more recognition that she feels the school rightly deserves.

"The goal for Ursinus is to continue to be a leader. I think there has been great recognition, but not enough outside for the quality of the programs. Having worked in Admissions, we are always looking to sell the school and outside recognition helps a lot," Thomas said.

With Thomas' retirement, the Ursinus community realizes they have lost an important player in the day-to-day operation toward the future of the school.

However, even with her retirement in sight, her impact will be enduring.

"Losing Mrs. T is going to be a big loss for the admissions office and the school. She loved her job and was devoted to it. She was always looking to bring in the best students and improve her interviewing skills. She was always trying to sell the school the best she could," said Brandon Sullivan, a Senior Fellow in Admissions and co-captain of the baseball team

With Thomas' departure, the job of selling Ursinus to prospective students is now slightly more challenging.

However, thanks to her hard work throughout her tenure, selling Ursinus has become much easier and will allow first impressions to go a long way with prospective students in the future just as they have in the past.

# Caitlin Callahan interns as veterinary tech

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Caitlin Callahan, a junior biology major, interned at Willingboro Veterinary Clinic in Willingboro, Nj as a veterinary technician this past summer.

Callahan has volunteered at the clinic since she was in middle school, and was hired as a veterinary technician following high school graduation.

She has been able to do everything that a certified vet tech can since New Jersey does not require certification.

During her internship, Callahan went through animals' histories and records, filled prescriptions for medicine, helped the doctors with examinations, assisted in surgery, gave shots and vaccines, and took blood.

"I get to see the good and the bad and deal with daily-basis euthanasia and putting animals down, so it's not all the good stuff, but it's stuff you need to know," Callahan said.

Calling upon her interpersonal skills, Callahan had to know how "to communicate with animals [and] to communicate with the

owners, and know how to get stories straight especially when animals are hurt or sick."

She also needed to be familiar with the style and formatting of written medical records in addition to recognizing the shorthand terminology used by vets.

"I had to know what they meant, how to interpret it, how to use it myself," Callahan said.

She also had to be an observant and meticulous note-taker, writing things down accurately as a veterinarian would go through an examination.

In both the internship and in the classroom, Callahan has made numerous connections between what she's doing and what she's learning.

"[It] definitely goes both ways. I'm in developmental bio right now and learning about the development of embryos, and [at the clinic] we'd do ultrasounds on dogs or cats that were pregnant, [in class] I'm like 'I remember that - I remember being able to see that,'" Callahan said.

In addition, knowing the Ursinus Biology 101 material concerning Lyme disease and the mice and deer vectors of the

tick cycle "really helped when I was diagnosing dogs with Lyme disease and knowing the symptoms that they have and [comparing this to] where they live." She also found that her "schooling experience" allowed her to understand the backgrounds of tests ran at the office.

Callahan will soon apply to veterinary school, but as it is very competitive, her backup plan is to get a Master's in Animal Science and reapply with that additional credential.

She has already asked two of her coworkers for recommendations.

"It was good to not just ask a stranger who I kind of shadowed for a letter of recommendation. I think that will add a good personal touch to my letters that a lot of people may not have from someone they worked with for like a summer," Callahan said.

Callahan advises students to "find an internship in a field that you may be interested in going into and when you're there, really use your experience and remember what you do so you can utilize it for whatever you need [later]."

Right: Callahan reads an ear cytology (a diagnostic test used to evaluate an animal's cells in its body fluids, skin or internal organs). Below: Callahan prepares a cat for surgery.

Photos courtesy of Caitlin Callahan



## Geek Week approaches, MAA and Quiz Club plan to participate

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Every year, we hear about Geek Week.

During this week, the Greek system comes together to participate in different events while representing what it means to be Greek.

This idea seems to be a staple of college life, yet there is a week here at Ursinus that doesn't get as much publicity.

It is the week of April 16, otherwise known as Geek Week.

Two of the many groups participating in Geek Week are the Ursinus College Quiz Club, and the Mathematics Association of America, or MAA.

The UC Quiz club will have a multitude of events in honor of Geek Week

"For Geek Week, we are doing a Cash Cab. We will be driving around in a golf cart, picking people up, driving them to their destinations, and asking them questions. Those who answer questions correctly will win

prizes," said Elizabeth Mahoney, the club's president.

"Quiz Club is an organization that meets weekly to test its members about trivia. It's kind of like Jeopardy, but you have a team. Its goals are to hold events that will get people involved in the club, while providing a place for people to gather and have fun while answering trivia questions. We also have an annual Student-Faculty Competition, which pits professors against students. This year that will be at noon on COSA in Pfahler Auditorium," said Mahoney.

The Mathematics Association of America will also be involved in Geek Week.

"The Mathematics Association of America is a nationwide organization for math lovers of all kinds" said Annabel Clarence, the head of the MAA.

There are several different student chapters around the world, and the Ursinus chapter meets every other Tuesday at 6 PM in Pfahler 102, also known as

the math help room.

"The MAA Geek Week event will be a logic game challenge. We will have teams compete to solve a square puzzle in the fastest amount of time. The puzzle we'll be using this year is called the Magic Game and was found in the Salzburg Museum. This puzzle has over 20,000 possible arrangements but only 146 of those are successful solutions. It should definitely be a fun competition," Clarence said.

More information on the MAA can be found at [http://www.maa.org/subpage\\_5.html](http://www.maa.org/subpage_5.html) and <http://www.uc-maa.org>.

These are only two of the clubs joining in on the fun of Geek Week.

"Other organizations hopefully participating in Geek Week include Quiz Club, Magic Club, Physics Club, ACM, and Beardwood Chemical Society. We hope to be showing the movie 'Real Genius' on Sunday April 22nd as a culminating event," Clarence said.

## UC welcomes Teisa Brown to President's staff

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On Feb. 27, Teisa Brown began her role at Ursinus as Executive Assistant to President Bobby Fong.

She succeeds Eileen Hughes, who held the position for the last seventeen years prior to announcing her retirement.

Brown is a native and long-time resident of the Philadelphia area, where she lives with her husband Al and their two children Alexsia, who attends Temple University, and Antonio, a high school student.

Brown comes to Ursinus with a career background that began at the University of Pennsylvania and was followed with positions at Haverford College and Drexel University, where she served as the Assistant to the Provost for Faculty Services and Executive Assistant to the Provost and Senior Vice President, respectively.

"[I worked] very closely with the Provost, who oversaw thirteen schools and the acquisition of the Academy of Natural Sciences, supported the inauguration of Drexel's President, John Fry, and collaboration on Drexel's next strategic plan," Brown said.

Brown's love for higher education and desire to return to a small liberal arts environment interested her in her new position.

During Brown's first visit to Ursinus, she was immediately impressed by the campus itself.

"The campus is an aesthetic gem. The sheer beauty is amazing, and I am finding the community of people to be the same. I am happy to join such a wonderful group of colleagues," Brown said.

Brown also spoke very highly of President Bobby Fong.

"[He is a] nationally recognized leader and thinker in higher education," Brown said.

She expressed that it is a dream come true to be working so closely with him at this point in her career.

Dr. Fong is likewise impressed with Brown's credentials.

"She is especially qualified for her duties by virtue of her previous



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experience. She understands the world of academia, and she brings expertise and a willing spirit that has already won her the respect and friendship of those with which she works. I look forward to a long tenure for Teisa at Ursinus," Fong said.

Overall, Brown is looking forward to accomplishing many of the goals that were recently established in the President's Strategic Plan.

She wants to be most successful at "supporting [Dr. Fong's] initiatives, serving as his liaison to the campus, and hopefully using my influence to raise the level of recognition of the campus staff."

Brown is very excited to begin her career at Ursinus, and looks forward to working toward a better future for the school.

In her spare time, Brown enjoys vacations with her family to Ocean City, New Jersey and Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. She also enjoys reading to young children at local schools and libraries.

## Word on the Street

with Brooke Mitchell

**"Now that you have registered, which class are you most looking forward to next semester?"**



Craig Elliot  
ESS, 2013



Jason Meerbergen  
Psychology, 2013



Anahi McIntyre  
Biology/Spanish, 2013

"I'm really looking forward to my self-defense class."

"I'm doing independent Psychology research with Professor Lederach, which will be very interesting."

"Normally I take a lot of science courses, but next semester I'm taking Digital Photography. I'm really excited for a chance to be more creative."

# Nothing to hate about this *Hamlet*

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"To be or not to be?"

That was the question resounding through the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center this past weekend, as the Ursinus College Theater Department, under the direction of Dr. Beverly Redman, mounted Paul Rudnick's comedic romp, *I Hate Hamlet*.

The story follows Andrew Rally (Evan Shea), a hot young actor, who moves to New York to play the role of Hamlet as a part of Shakespeare in the Park, an open-air theater in Central Park that produces one of the Bard's plays every summer, boasting casts of the best and brightest both Broadway and Hollywood has to offer.

Andrew, however, is skeptical of his own ability to play the tragic Prince of Denmark, and

even with the support of his free-spirited girlfriend (Grace Duffy), Andrew is not quite sure he will be able to pull it off.

Luckily for Andrew, he has a higher power to help him.

No, not that kind of higher power; but John Barrymore (Ronak Darji), who in his heyday, was a show business god and legend, notorious for his personal life, which was overshadowed only by his larger-than-life performances, including his famous portrayal of Hamlet.

Andrew's realtor (Erica-Anne Bossman) has not only set Andrew up to live in Barrymore's old New York apartment, but she tells him that she will hold a séance, in order to contact Barrymore in the afterlife, so that Andrew may ask his advice.

However, Barrymore does him one better, and materializes in the apartment, adorned in

full Elizabethan costume, and grander than ever.

As the time ticks closer to opening night, Andrew must make a choice: Go Ham or go home.

Dr. Redman brought out the best in this talented cast of six, led by Shea as Andrew.

Shea, a freshman at Ursinus, perfectly portrayed the internal struggle between the success-hungry young actor and the sex-starved young man whose only hope to ending his girlfriend's vow of chastity may be to impress her with his Hamlet.

Duffy, a sophomore, was hilarious as the sweet, but slightly air-headed girlfriend.

Darji's John Barrymore was ever the suave, supernatural, Shakespearean. The junior filled the room with his buoyant performance.

An epic sword fight scene between Darji and Shea was very

nicely executed.

Kristin Cichowski had wonderfully wry comedic timing as Rally's aging, sharp-tongued German agent. Some of the funniest moments in the play were between Cichowski and Darji, who are revealed to have been lovers in a past life...well, Barrymore's past life, that is.

Freshman Jack Meyer as television producer Gary Lefkowitz was Woody Allen in a backwards baseball cap.

Bossman, a junior and Meyer's female equivalent, was pitch-perfect as the realtor with the Brooklyn accent and the matching attitude.

The set designed by John Raley was very cleverly laid out.

The first act was set in the living room of the apartment on move-in day, packed with boxes, and furniture covered in sheets.

By the second act, the boxes and sheets were gone, and the

living room looked, well, lived in.

Such relics as a coat of arms and globe that opens into a bar provided a really fun, but also nostalgic, mood.

Brian Strachan's costume designs were like a fashion show for the past half millennium.

Audience seating was on two sides of the living room, which created an intimate setting, and allowed the audience to really feel like a part of the action.

I personally found Paul Rudnick's writing to be a little stale. (I didn't catch one Drew Barrymore, wild-child joke!), so it is a testament to the director and actors of this particular production of *I Hate Hamlet* that this play did not become what Shakespeare's Hamlet once called "a foul and pestilent congregation of vapors," but instead turned out to be a funny, breath of fresh air.

# Phillies to continue success, despite worries

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With Major League Baseball opening last night, and the Phillies beginning regular season play today at 1:35 against the Pittsburgh Pirates, one of the best days on the 365-day calendar means one thing for all 30 teams: an across the board, true sense of hope that cannot be replicated.

For Phillies fans though, a sense of nervousness unseen since some of the best baseball played in Philadelphia's history began in Aug. 2007, has become a constant theme since Game 5 of the 2011 NLDS.

Since then, a ruptured Achilles tendon and declining production has casted doubt over the future of first baseman Ryan Howard, the most indispensable player without the last name of Halladay, Lee, or Hamels on the roster.

All-Star second baseman and fan favorite Chase Utley has balky knees that kept him out for 60 games last season and are threatening to do so again this season, with the possibility of

missing more games.

The one-time juggernaut offense is now a lineup that features six players over the age of 30, and has evolved from one of the most dynamic and fearsome in baseball to one that is a lot less of either adjective today.

The Phillies may become the Boston Celtics of baseball.

That team won a title at the height of their heights, but as age crept in, they slowly fell from grace.

However, having said all that, just like the Celtics, the glory days are not over.

The Phillies are still the class of the NL East with the gap between them and their competitors not even being close.

As long as the pitching trio of Roy Halladay, Cliff Lee, and Cole Hamels are shutting down opponents and the rest of the pitching staff does their job, the streak of five consecutive NL East titles will continue.

With gray matter blurring the picture, the bright spots are still ever present with talent and incentives oozing out onto Broad

Street.

Hamels and center fielder Shane Victorino are both up for new contracts and big paydays at the end of this season and will be out to show their worth.

For the first time, right fielder Hunter Pence will be in red pinstripes for a full season and is up for a new contract in two years.

New (and former world champion) closer Jonathan Papelbon will be out to justify the big bucks and loyalty the Phillies showed him by giving the best relief pitcher on the free agent market a four-year deal.

Last of all, the players that will indeed be out there on Opening Day will be out to erase the doubts of baseball fans and Phillies fans everywhere that they will not be able to survive without Howard and Utley.

However, this team will be fine through the All-Star Break because they have enough fire power on the mound and at the plate to keep them afloat until Howard and Utley are back for the playoff push.

For this fan, these problems

are welcome compared to those of ten years ago when the team was still at Veterans Stadium featuring players with last names that only true fans remember and try to forget (Jose Mesa and Travis Lee anyone?).

Those who are worrying about the 2012 Phillies have their

reasons, and understandably so.

However, this aforementioned sense of nervousness is one that fans of the 2002 team know all too well about.

No matter the concerns, Opening Day gives everyone hope. This should be no different for Phillies fans.

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# Senior Spotlight: Garrett Smith, Baseball

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Spring weather is here and the end of the 2011-2012 collegiate year is quickly approaching, yet the Ursinus College Baseball team is in the thick of their season.

After playing several regular season games, the Bears are still looking forward to the playoffs at the end of the season.

Over the course of this season and last, senior outfielder Garret Smith has certainly come into his own.

In 2011, Smith started 31 out of 34 games, leading the team in stolen bases with nine, and a .974 fielding percentage, good for second best on the team.

While hitting .313, Smith scored 23 runs and registered 16 RBIs last season; one could certainly say that Smith was a legitimate starter.

In addition to this individual success, Smith was also able to find success with his team.

While struggling early on in the season, the Bears were still

able to earn a centennial conference playoff spot.

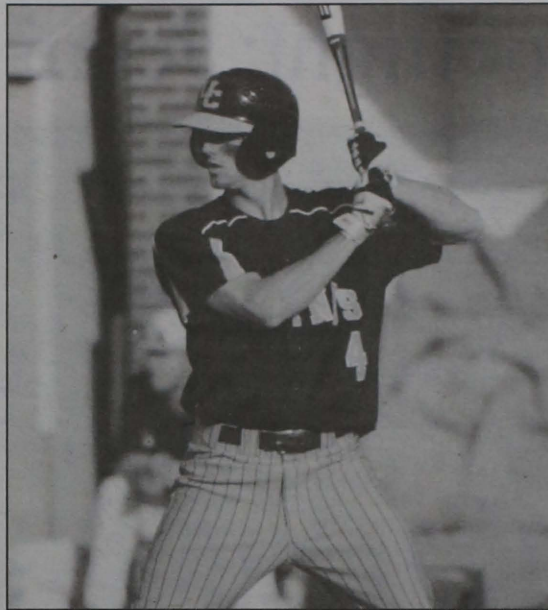
"Overall, I felt the season (2011) went well, but I wished we could've gone further. I thought I played close to my potential last season, and I was pleased with my performance in my first year as a starter," Smith said.

This year, Smith is looking to remain successful as both an individual and team player.

"It sounds simple, but my goal every game is to do something to help the team win; I want to do more to help the team than hurt the team. Also, my goal is to play to the fullest of my potential," Smith said.

Following a playoff appearance in 2011, Smith says that his goals for the Bears are to build upon last season's accomplishments, and exceed expectations.

"For the season, I hope we make, or better yet host, the playoffs. The ultimate goal for our season is to win a conference championship and then work from there to win an NCAA championship. From a personal level, my goal is to improve on



Courtesy of Garrett Smith

Smith has a .378 batting average, and leads the Bears in hits with 31

last year's performance and be a senior leader," Smith said.

With these aspirations, Smith

knows he needs to make improvement in some areas. Smith said he hopes to work on his hit-

ting skills in order to complement his bunting abilities.

So far Smith's goals have come to light, as he has been performing quite well this season.

In the past few games, Smith has had substantial success at the plate.

In a recent game against Muhlenberg College, Smith had three hits and three RBIs.

Additionally, on Sunday against Washington College, Smith was perfect at the plate, going three for three with two RBIs and two runs scored.

The team has gotten off to a solid start in conference play recording two wins and two losses.

There is still plenty of time left in the season for Smith and the team to collect the wins necessary for a playoff berth.

With upcoming games against Franklin and Marshall, Dickinson, and Haverford, Smith and the Bears will certainly need Smith to continue his strong play in the field and at the plate, in order to continue working toward a conference championship.

## Bears battle through wet weekend

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### SOFTBALL

On Saturday, the Lady Bears traveled to Bethlehem for a dreary afternoon double header with non-conference opponent Moravian College.

In game one, pitcher Jenni Weber shut the Greyhounds down and out, allowing just five hits on the afternoon, walking none.

The one run of support Weber received, via a bases loaded walk of senior Kate Kehoe that scored Amy Gentile, was enough, as the junior and reigning first team all centennial selection earned her fourth win of the season.

Game two was not the follow up that the Lady Bears had hoped for, as Moravian jumped all over the collective Ursinus pitching staff, as the Greyhounds defeated Ursinus 11-0. Moravian hit six home runs in the contest, while the Bears mustered only two hits all together.

### TRACK AND FIELD

On Saturday, the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams headed to Chester, Pa. for the Danny Curran Invitational at Widener University.

Despite the cold and wet weather, and a very large competition field, several Bears had solid showings.

For the women, sophomore Victoria Goodenough placed second in the 100 meter hurdles, with a time of 15.04. Goodenough also finished seventh in the 400 meter hurdles.

For the men, senior Al Desiderio placed fifth in the long jump, while fellow seniors Lance Jones and Andrew Carr placed eighth in the 100 meter dash and shot put respectively.

Freshman, Evan Shea performed well in a talented 110 meter high hurdle field, placing sixth overall with a time of 15.93. Shea also went on to finish seventh in the high jump, with a leap of 5'8 3/4".

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

On Saturday, the Lady Bears defeated Centennial opponent Bryn Mawr handily, by a final score of 14-0.

The Owls never posed a threat to Ursinus, registering only six shots in the entire contest.

Ursinus registered 28 shots, netting 50% of their attempts. Multiple goaltenders were registered by Kitty Dawson with four, Amber Moyer, with three, Taylor Egolf, with two, and Emily Diehl, with two.

Caroline Cannon, Kim Peifer and Lauren Garganio each scored one goal for Ursinus.

Three goaltenders, sophomore Riley Pembroke, freshman Alexandra Duch, and junior Jackie Kimmel, played for Ursinus in the shutout effort, making a combined six saves.

With the victory the Lady Bears improve to 6-4 on the season and 3-1 in centennial conference play.

### MEN'S LACROSSE

Despite taking nearly 20 more shots than non-conference opponent Eastern University on Saturday the Bears fell to the Eagles by a final score of 10-9.

A late rally attempt by the Bears fell just short, as Ursinus was able to outscore Eastern 3-1 in the final quarter, leaving them just one shy of tying the Eagles.

Freshman attacker Stever Smyrl's goal with 28 seconds remaining brought the Bears within one, however the comeback was to no avail.

Goalies Matt Columbini and Jimmy Valentine combined to make nine saves in the contest.

The scoring brigade was once again led by a bevy of young talent for the Bears. The freshman trio of Smyrl, Jake Weber, and Mark Stratton combined for six goals and three assists on the afternoon.

Dave Kraus, Jeff Ocampo, and Mike Neal each added goals for the Bears.

### BASEBALL

Due to soggy Collegeville conditions, the men's baseball team was forced to move their doubleheader with conference foe Washington College from Saturday to Sunday.

Despite the change in schedule, the Bears were able to secure a crucial split with the Shoremen, who are currently 18-3 on the year.

In game one, the Bears clawed their way to a 6-5 victory. Senior pitcher Nate Schnell returned to the dominant form, as he allowed only one hit in his first seven innings of work. At the plate, senior outfielder Garrett Smith was equally stellar, collecting three hits, scoring two runs and registering two RBI's.

In game two of the double header, the Bears were not so fortunate as Washington took a 9-6 victory, despite a four run sixth inning in which seniors Rich Guthridge and Ben Gresh registered a three run and solo home run respectively.

# Player Spotlight: Jenni Weber, Softball

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The Ursinus women's softball season is well underway, and the Lady Bears are once again relying on their pitching, specifically starter Jenni Weber.

As of Tuesday, Weber has 46 strikeouts and a team-low 1.90 ERA in 73.2 innings.

Weber and her teammates are approaching the halfway point of the season, which started with a successful preseason tournament in Myrtle Beach.

"The season started off great in Myrtle Beach over Spring Break. We [beat] every D3 team we played and fought hard against the D2 team we faced. We showed aggression, we battled, but mostly, we played with heart," Weber said.

Despite the tournament success, the Lady Bears struggled a bit after the extended break.

"After coming back to campus and dealing with a two week break from games, we struggled during our first double header with Elizabethtown. However, we got a win during the second game against F&M, a big conference game, and then went on to hand Rowan their first loss. We're now playing as a team again, showing our heart and are ready to continue rising to the top of our conference just as pre-polls suggested," Weber said.

Last year the Bears had some struggles but still ended their season with a .500 record, at 18-18.



Courtesy of James Wagner

A first team all conference selection in 2011, Weber has been strong again for the Bears in the early part of the 2012 season. Last season, Weber led the Bears in both wins (12) and ERA (1.60).

"This season is very different from last season. The coaches are harder on us, the captains are harder on us and, actually, we're all harder on ourselves, which is a good thing," Weber said.

According to Weber, everyone just works a little harder every day and gave it all they had in the

off season.

"So many girls take extra swings before or after practice, we ask for more ground balls, for grounders to be hit harder, for extra conditioning, and the pitchers also focus sharper during their practices. Coming up short last year showed us we need to do

something differently, and that's what we're doing," Weber said.

Weber also credits the younger athletes for their contributions thus far.

"The freshmen are also stepping out and making big plays. The team chemistry is also very different. We focused a lot on that

before leaving for spring break and it definitely paid off. Every one of us has definitely found several, new best friends this season," Weber said.

The team does not necessarily believe in setting goals, per say, but they do believe in working together as a team and not letting small things get in the way.

"As a team, we don't set goals. We focus on the process and let the outcome reveal itself, trusting that it will be what we deserve. Individually, I'm sure we all have goals. I think I can speak for all of us when I say mine is to win a conference championship. In fact, I'm sure I could speak for all of us when I say to win regionals and at least appear in the NCAA tournament. I think I've finally learned how to find confidence on the mound, stop thinking so much and forget about the outcome. It goes back to being process oriented," said Weber.

Weber is not one to take all the credit for her success, she gives most of her credit to her coaches, who she is very fond of.

"There aren't enough words to say how I feel about our coaches," Weber said.

The junior right hander spoke about team preparation, motivational tactics and overall gestures of appreciation that have shown the team how invested their coaching staff is.

"They have emotionally, physically and mentally prepared us for this season. That's more than any of us could have asked for."

## Upcoming UC Sports Schedule

4/7  
Baseball  
Game 1  
@ Dickinson  
12:30 p.m.

4/7  
Men's Lacrosse  
@ Gettysburg  
1 p.m.

4/7  
Men's Tennis  
@ Gettysburg  
1 p.m.

4/7  
Baseball  
Game 2  
@ Dickinson  
3 p.m.

4/7  
Softball  
Game 1  
@ Gettysburg  
1 p.m.

4/7  
Women's Lacrosse  
@ Gettysburg  
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